STAKEHOLDERS' CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON YEAR 2022 BUDGET ORAGNISED BY THE OYO STATE MINISTRY OF BUDGET AND ECONOMIC PLANNING HELD ON THE 29TH JULY, 2021 AT OGUNLANA HALL, INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN

Introduction

The stakeholders' consultative meeting on year 2022 budget was held at on the 29th July, 2021 at Ogunlana Hall, International Conference Centre, University of Ibadan. The meeting commenced at exactly 1:40pm with the introduction of dignitaries. The first was the Deputy Governor; His Excellency, Rauf Olaniyan, who was standing for the Governor pending his arrival, the Speaker; Oyo State House of Assembly; Rt. Hon. AdeboOgundoyin, Secretary to the Oyo State Government; Mrs. Olubamiwo Adeosun, the Chief of Staff; Hon. Segun Ogunwuyi, the Head of Service, Oyo State; Alhaja A. O. Agboola. Others are the Special Adviser, Economic Affairs; Prof. MusibauAdetunji Babatunde, the Senior Special Assistant on Economic Planning; Mr. OluwaseyiOgunsanya, Permanent Secretary; Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning; Mrs M. O. Adebiyi.Other dignitaries are the Royal fathers, the Chairmen of the five Local Governments in Ibadanland 1 (Ibadan North, Ibadan North/East, Ibadan North/West, Ibadan South/East and Ibadan South/West)

Welcome address by the Permanent Secretary (PS); Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning, Mrs Mofoluke Adebiyi who was equally the host for the consultative meeting. The PS welcomed his Excellencies, and other dignitaries to the all-important stakeholders' consultative meeting on the 2022 budget.

In her address, she recognised that a functional democracy needs an informed citizenry, empowered media, popular participation in policy making, a responsive State, an open governance process which is transparent and inclusive in nature. Hence, the need for the third consultative meeting for the involvement of the citizens in budget process as this found to promote the interest of all citizens. Contrary to the past ideas where budget preparations were solely done by government officials. According to her, it has become the tradition since the

inception of this administration in 2019 to consult the citizens before budget preparation. She added that despite the current economic downturn, the State government has been able to improve on her budget performances compared to the previous years. These are in the area of health, education, environment and infrastructure.

In her speech, she recognised the presence of everyone and the collective efforts to support government in promoting best practices in determining and implementing people-oriented policies, programmes and projects to impacting meaningfully to the lives of the people in the State. According to the PS; there is another opportunity to present or provide information for the government in the area of budget and budgeting for projects in the proposed year 2022 budget.

At the junction, she welcomed all participants, Royal Fathers, Religious leaders and all other stakeholders for their time and commitment to actualize the objective of the current administration and wish them a fruitful meeting.

After this was the goodwill message from the Chairman of Ibadan South/East; Honourable Oluwole Alawode who presented it on behalf of the all five (5) local governments in Ibadanland 1. In his goodwill address, the chairman appreciated His Excellency for yet another opportunity given to the people at the grassroots to present their needs to the government and for proper mainstreaming to the proposed year 2022 budget of the State.

The chairman was specific to mention Mobil – 7up – Zartech road; Ring Road in Ibadan North/West as an important road which required urgent repaire to boost the economic importance attributed to the area and the State as a whole. While the goodwill was on, His Excellency the Executive Governor of the State; Engr. 'SeyiMakinde arrived. After which he was recognised, National Anthem sang and the National Pledge used as an opening prayer.

The consultative meeting continued by calling on the Director General; Development Agenda for Western Nigeria (DAWN) Commission's; Mr. OluseyeOyeleye for his goodwill address. In his address, he congratulated the governor on his approach for the consultative meeting for budget preparation as this will help to achieving inclusiveness in governance process and improve the State for greater development.

He added that in the course of achieving this, the participants and the people outside would not see the Governor as Father Christmas but people should present their needs accordingly and in case some of the projects implemented in year 2022; there are some other opportunities to get them done later. As such projects or items could be consider in the nearest future.

At this juncture, the PS welcome the Executive Governor of Oyo State; His Excellency, Engr. SeyiMakinde to stakeholders' consultative meeting on year 2022 Budget. The PS then used the opportunity to reiterate her earlier welcome speech in the presence of His Excellency. This she summarized as follows:

- the meeting being the third of its kind; which depicts continuity of the good practice by the State government.
- the practice of open governance and inclusiveness which is being practice as an opportunity to leverage on by the people.
- there is an improvement in the State Internal Generated Revenue (IGR) which has led to improvement in the expenditure of the State.
- the State government have been prioritizing the needs of the people to ensuring even distribution and implementation of project items in the State.

In his goodwill message, the Olubadan of Ibadanland who was represented by Oloye Lekan Alabi. he recognised the importance of the stakeholders' consultative forum as a welcome idea from the current administration which was commendable compared with the previous administration. Hence, the stressed the need to sustain the meeting and improve on it planning for the development of State. According to him, if we failed to plan; it was a planning to fail. In view of this, there was the need for the State government to diversify the economy as there is over dependency on Crude Oil through the Federation Accounts Allocation Committee (FAAC). This would enable the State to improve of her IGR too.

It was at this level that the Honourable member representing Ibadan North/East 2; Hon. Owolabi presented his goodwill on behalf of all the Honourable members covering the five local governments. In his view the consultative meeting since inception had brought about development on the State. His first point of call was in the area of Education where there has been new face. The second area was on Operation Light up Oyo State, which was meant to cover all the nooks and crannies of the State among other things which were mentioned.

The next that was given the opportunity to speak was the Special Adviser to the Governor on Economic Affairs; Professor Musibau Babatunde. In his view, the bottom-down approach has been seen as the most suitable approach for inclusiveness and sustainability in governance process which the current administration was using as against the up-down approach of the past. According to the Prof., one of the ways to achieving sustainability was to carry people along by allowing them to participate hence the need for the Stakeholders' Consultative meeting for the year 2022 Budget for the State.

Professor Babatunde also pointed out on another achievement of the meeting which was named Equity for All (*Equal development*). According to him, the consultative for has given everybody in the State the opportunity to have their own share of governance through one project or another. The implied that fairness was also ensured by the present administration to all the 7 zones in the State.

He later gave an illustration of a community which was provided potable water as against what that community was in need of. Hence, the need to consult the people as this will ensure the facts stated earlier by him. He added that as there is always limited resources to manage the family; so it is applicable as the State (*Governance*) level in view of this, government will also need to prioritize (*Scale of Preference*) the presented needs of the people before implementation.

At this stage, the Executive Governor of the State gave his keynote address. He started by flashing back on the memory lane on how he listened to the people in 2019 in preparation for year 2020 budget where he promised to meet the people for their input into the budget henceforth. The current stakeholders' consultative meeting was the third since inception of his administration. This according to him was the promised made and kept, all towards moving Oyo State forward.

He acknowledged the fact that the current position which he was occupying was a trust from God and the people which translated to the fact that he must also put the people first in his actions and deeds and above all, God Almighty. According to him, this could only be done by respecting the yearnings of the people. He then promised to do more of listening to the people and more importantly; in the course of budget preparation. He stated that a reasonable mix of \mathbb{H}131.5 and

№137.2 were the capital and recurrent expenditure for the ongoing year 2021 budget despite the challenge posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to His Excellency, the State Budget performance of the State at the second half of the year was 60% while the target performance was set at 75% at the year-end of the fiscal year. There was therefore a desire to improve on the revenue performance. He went further to say that the newly introduced Alternative Project Funding Approach (APFA) where the contractors finance the projects before payment has been so helpful. The Governor was happy to inform the people that about N400million was spent on the purchase of 1,194 Metric tones of Aluminium Sulphate to boost production of water in the State. Others area which the government has ensured that the peoples needs are taking into action include construction of Isaba-Ogundoyin Road Eruwa, renovation/upgrade of one Primary Health Centre in each of the wards in the State, revalidation of prioritized 500km Agricultural Rural Roads in all three senatorial districts which have all been awarded in the State among others. (See annexe 1 for more details)

In addition, projects at various stages include construction of classrooms, construction of pilot farm estates at Eruwa, Akufo and Fashola, Light up Oyo State phase 2, procurement of science equipment and materials for public secondary schools, production and supply of 25,750 pairs of students' furniture for public secondary schools at a cost of N668.1m. In the education sector, 5,000 qualified teachers have been employed and are now working in our secondary schools. Another 600 Education Officers and 534 Medical and Health workers to health care for effective service delivery.

Other areas covered during the keynote address were as follows:

need to organise a platform which will serve as feedback on the performance of the government on previous year fiscal. This His Excellency proposed between January and February of the following year.

- ♣ The expansion of the stakeholders' consultative for from three senatorial districts to seven geo-political zones in the State.
- **♣** Ongoing rehabilitation of the following roads:
 - o Moniya Iseyin Road.
 - Saki township Road.
 - Saki Ogon Road.
 - o Gedu Oroki Road in Oyo town.
- ♣ Others are: reduction in the school fees of students of Ladoke Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH) Ogbomoso
- ♣ Ongoing light-up Ogbomoso (LAUTECH)
- Farm estates rehabilitation
- Ido Eruwa Road
- 🖶 Ajia Amoloko Road
- ♣ Adamasigba Mokola light up

Education and infrastructure have been receiving high attention in recent times which were bringing improvements to the State. Over 500 projects are being done or are ongoing in education and infrastructure.

His Excellency later promised to explore and develop the resource of the State for the betterment of the citizenry. He equally used the opportunity to share the idea behind the restructuring done at Challenge interchange for free flow of traffic at minimum cost. Most economic and viable discussion wouldll still continue with any consultant who is ready to partner with the State

government on matter related to the development and growth of the State. According to His Excellency, the priority of the present administration are Education, Economic Health and Security.

His Excellency appreciated the efforts of the Special Adviser on Economic Affairs for his contributions towards moving the State forward despite all odds. His Excellency, later used the opportunity to share with the stakeholders present the experience and the interaction he had with the Minister of Works; Mr. Babatunde Fashola in Abuja on the state of the Oyo-Iseyin Road which needs important attention put into consideration the farm produce coming from the area. According to him, the discussion was encouraging as the Minister awaits relevant documents from the State government before commencement of work by the State Government since the amount allotted in the current fiscal year could not help addressing the road.

According to His Excellency, the road map 2019 - 2023 of his administration was also a collective responsibility of citizens to move the State forward. On the issue of security, the Governor gave a number out for the citizens to call whenever the be. When they see something, they must say something. The number is 615. Also, the available resource of the State will be explored accordingly. He later emphasis that we may not have a perfect system, yet the government will continue to give her very best to improve, strengthen and perfect it. At this junction, His Excellency, enjoined stakeholders to present their needs as his government is ready to addressing them.

Presentation of Needs by Stakeholders

Ibadan North by MogajiMusibau Raji

• Requested for the establishment of a customary court.

Ibadan North/East by MogajiTafigo

- There need to look into how the youths will be involve in Agriculture as against their involvement in hard drugs
- Another area of concern was to organise different youth sport competitions to engaging the youth.

Ibadan North/West by Apostle Victor Olaitan

- The council area was experiencing flood such places are Odo-Gegeetc, therefore
- In the area of Education:
 - Most schools in the local government need repair
 - There is need to provide security in our schools
- Another area of concern is the market
 - There is need for toilets
 - o There is need to provide security

Ibadan South/East by Alh. AbassOloko

• Scout camp market needed to be in use as there is need to look into this area for implement.

Ibadan South/East by Alh. Oloyede

- There need to provide staff to the Primary Health Care centres in the LG.
- The State government should make effort to assess the Basic Health care Fund (BHF) by paying the State counterpart fund.

Traditional Rulers

Ibadan South/East

- There is need for the State government to look increase the allocation to traditional rulers from the existing 5%
- Need to rehabilitate/repair the council building as there are linking roof etc
- There is need to improve on the security of the State.
- Has there is increase in the rate of drug users, the need to address this problem by prevent sellers in doing so.

Ibadan South/West by Prof. OlatoyeOjo

• Apart from the Mobil – 7up – Zartech Road, there were still more roads to be repaired

Representative of The Olubadan of Ibadanland Represented by Oloye Lekan Alabi

• There was need for the State government to explore available mineral resources in the State. This should be towards developing the State

Institutions by Alhaja Aisha Ibrahim

- Need to assess some schools for appropriate actions to be taking in repairing them.
- Despite the free education being preached by the State government, some schools were still collecting money from the students and parents.
 - At this junction, the Governor had to cut-in by asking the Alhaja to mention those schools by failed to do so. His Excellency, then promised to investigate for appropriate actions to be taken on the matter.

Building Association by

- The process being followed in the course of building need to be made specific and direct as it confusing and time consuming.
- There is need to put in place an enabling law guiding this.
- The State government should fund technical school more to encourage and help the school achieving her objectives.
- There is need for the establishing of Building Department in LAUTECH
- There is need to repair bad roads in the State.

Civil Society by Mr. JideBamgbose

• The process

Butchers Association by Alesin Meta

- The government should provide land for rearing goats and sheep
- The government should strategize on the modalities for compensating members when cow that are not suitable for consumption are detected.

Artisans by Oloye Adam

• Government should look into providing soft loans for their members as they are ready to collaborate with the government by paying their tax regularly too.

Tradomedical

• Need the support of the car in loans for building and cars

Christian Association of Nigeria

• Calls for prayers to move the State forward

Moslem Body by Imam

• The process

Physically challenged people

- They requested for more appointment from the State government.
- Provision of living and support equipment for those who could not afford it
- Conformity of the people conditions to aid their living
 - O No roam for easy movement:
 - along the ways
 - at banks
 - school etc

Iyaloja by

- The major request is loan to boost their business
- Need for the provision of toilets at market places

Response by Governor

He made it known that all requests made were noted.

There is need for him to contact Ministry of Justice to establish the customary court requested for in Ibadan North.

Appreciated the people for the efforts made on the way they have being managing the youths. Promised to look into the rate of unemployment in the State. He added that the government have been doing a lot in that regard. Some of the things includes the rehabilitation of Adamasigba

Sports complex in various sports or events. His Excellency further encouraged those individuals

supporting youth sports and its development. He then promised to collaborate in a stronger way.

His Excellency used the opportunity to remind the people mostly the youth that the Nigerian

Prison is still Nigeria Prison despite the change of name to correctional home as there is nothing

yet to show that it is correction. Hence, they should abide by the laws and allow peace in the

State.

• Still on the youth, according to the Governor, the State government has agreed to train

3,300 youths in agriculture in collaboration with IITA. According to His Excellency, the

training will be in phases. The first phase was to train 600 by sending them to Gombe

with all expenses paid. Coupled with this will be that start up grant. As this will make

youths meaningfully engaged.

• On the issue of loan, interest group should come together in groups as this may be the

modality to follow although this is still been looked into by the government.

• He registered is displeasure on the attitude of the people and the intended users of the

stout camp market despite the fact that the everything needed for the market use had been

done. He implored them to start using it. The Iyaloja was advised to talk to the market

women in this regard. He further reiterated on the modality to follow if loans are to be

made available to the market women too.

The vote of thanks was given by the Director of Budget; Ministry of Budget and Economic

Planning; Alhaji Imran. He appreciated all participants/stakeholders present at the meeting and

other members from the Ministry for the efforts made towards having a successful consultative

meeting.

The consultative meeting ended exactly 4:07pm

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